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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RICE CRISIS -DAILY UPDATE

REF: PHNOM PENH 6522

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN PHNOM
PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 28 THROUGH JULY 8.

6/28 6/29 6/30 7/1 7/2 7/3

BEGINNING STOCKS 7137 6478.8 6626.3 9076.3 8526.3 9076.3

ROUTE 4 - 751 - - 1100 -

MEKONG RIVER - - 3000 - - 5650

TOTAL AVAILABLE 7137 7229.8 9626.3 9076.3 9626.3 14726.3

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LESS DISTRIBUTION 658.2 603.5 550 550 550 550

BALANCE 6478.8 6626.3 9076.3 8526.3 9076.3 14176.3

7/4 7/5 7/6 7/7 7/8

BEGINNING STOCKS 14176.3 13626.3 13076.3 12526.3 11976.3

ROUTE 4 - - - - -

MEKONG RIVER - - - - -

TOTAL AVAILABLE 14176.3 13626.3 13076.3 12526.3 11976.3

LESS DISTRIBUTION 550 550 550 550 550

BALANCE 13626.3 13076.3 12526.3 11976.3 11426.3 EQUALS
20.77 DAYS

(1) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 4 IS CLOSED: 10326.3 AT 550 EQUALS
18.7 DAYS

(2) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 5776.3 AT 550 EQUALS 10.5
DAYS

(3) IN THE EVENT BOTH THE MEKONG AND ROUTE 4
ARE CLOSED: 4676.3 AT 550 EQUALS 8.5 DAYS

(4) IN THE EVENT BOTH THE MEKONG AND
ROUTE 4 ARE CLOSED WITH DISTRIBUTION
AT 700/DAY: 3026.3 AT 700 EQUALD 4.32 DAYS

2. ROUTE 5-ROUTE 5 REAMINS CLOSED. THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO CONTROL
A 3-KILOMETER STRETCH OF ROAD SOUTH OF SALA LEAK PRAM. AFTER FANK IS
ABLE TO CLEAR THE ROAD, IT WILL PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO REPAIR ONE
OR TWO BRIDGES. AT THE EARLIEST, CONVOY TRAFFIC WILL NOT BEGIN AGAIN
UNTIL THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

3. ROUTE 4- ROUTE 4 CONVOY FROM KOMPONG SOM ARRIVED SAFELY IN PHNOM
PENH ON JUNE 29 WITH 751 M/T OF RICE. THE NEXT RICE CONVOY IS
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON JULY 2; HOWEVER, THE MILITARY SITUATION
TO THE SOUTH OF ROUTE 4 NEAR KOMPONG SPEU HAS RECENTLY DETERIORAT-
ED. IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE ENEMY ACTION WILL
INTERFERE WITH THE CONVOYS COMING UP FROM KOMPONG SOM.

4. MEKONG CONVOY-THE TWO BARGES WITH 3,000 M/T OF RICE ARE
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH THE EVENING OF JUNE 30.

5. RICE FROM VIETNAM-WE ARE NOW PLANNING THREE SEPARATE CONVOYS OF
RICE FROM VIETNAM. THE FIRST CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 5,650 M/T
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(INCLUDING 800 M/T OF RICE FROM KOMPONG SOM), WHICH DEPARTED SAIGON
JUNE 30, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON JULY 3. IN
ADDITION WE ESTIMATE A TOTAL OF 6,950 M/T WILL ARRIVE ON THE
REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY ON OR ABOUT JULY 9. WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED
A THIRD SPECIAL CONVOY TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON JULY 12 WITH
APPROXIMATELY 3,690 M/T INCLUDING 1,650 M/T FROM KOMPONG SOM.

6. RICE DISTRIBUTION-THE RATE DROPPED SLIGHTLY ON JUNE 30;

HOWEVER, STILL REMAINS HIGHER THAN THE PLANNED LEVEL OF 550 M/T PER DAY.

7. COORDINATION ON RICE MATTERS-WE HAVE REQUESTED THE MINISTER OF PLAN TO ORGANIZE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGNIZANT MINISTRIES AS MEMEBERS OF A JOINT GKR-EMBASSY COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE ACTION ON RICE MATTERS.

8. RICE AIRLIFT TO KOMPONG THOM AND SVAY RIENG-THE GKR-OPERATED AND FINANCED RICE AIRLIFT UTILIZING DOMESTIC AIRLINES FROM BATTAMBANG TO KOMPONG THOM AND PHNOM PENH TO SVAY RIENG IS TO GET UNDERWAY ON JULY 1. AIRLINES WERE NOTIFIED JUNE 28 THAT ALL CARGO PLANES WILL BE REQUISITIONED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY THE GOVERNMENT. AIRLIFT FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION WE WILL WATCH THE DAILY PERFORMANCE OF THESE TWO AIRLIFTS VERY CLOSELY. AS THE MINISTER OF PLANNING OBSERVED ON JUNE 30, PLANNING IS ONE THING AND IMPLEMENTATION QUITE ANOTHER. OUTSIDE HELP, I.E. AIR AMERICAN MAY STILL BE NEEDED AND WE ARE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH AA.
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